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Baseball Season Opener Tomorrow

F. T. C. TO MEET BOSTON COLLEGE DEBATERS

At College Auditorium
Monday at 7:30 P. M.

Fitchburg Teachers College Debating Society will encounter the most formidable opposition it has met this season when it faces the Marquette Debating Club of Boston College, next Monday, April 24, at 7:30 p. m. This highlight debate, to be held in the College Auditorium, will feature the great Boston College champions who have won decisions from Harvard, Yale, Fordham, Dartmouth, Princeton, Rutgers, Bates, Ohio University, Western Reserve, and other leading inter-collegiate debating teams of the East and Middle West.

Fitchburg Teachers College Debating Society will depend upon its leading public speakers, Don-

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DRAMATIC CLUB SELECTS CAST FOR NEXT PLAY

Warren Weibust of Worcester and Sirkka Waris of Fitchburg are taking the leading roles as The Shadow and Grazia respectively in the Broadway success "Death takes A Holiday" by Albert Cosella, which the Dramatic Club is producing next year.

The supporting cast is as follows: Alda, Beverly O'Donnell, Fitchburg; Rhoda, Mary Ward, Lunenburg; Stephanie, Helen Gibson, Fitchburg; Princess, Ursula Mulchay, Fitchburg; Cora, Dorothy Hackett, Fitchburg; Duke, Thomas Sweeney, Fitchburg; Darren, John Murphy, Brighton; Corrado, Russell Gearin, Worcester; Major, Frank Onischuk, Gardner; Eril, Herbert Downs, Townsend.

Reading; Fedele, Ray Edwards,

Pres. of Palmer Hall



Alfred Turner

RELIGIOUS DRAMA TO BE GIVEN THIS SUNDAY

"The Boy Who Discovered Spring", the religious drama by Elizabeth McFadden, will be produced by the Community players, under the direction of Miss Nixon, at the State Teachers College on Sunday afternoon, April 23, at 4 o'clock. The entire college and public are invited to this production which was enthusiastically received at the Rollstone Parish House on Palm Sunday evening.

Alan Salny portrays the part of Skelley Diggs, a boy of the slums; George MacKaye, Dr. John Dexter; Miriam Honkanen plays the role of Maggie, the Irish housekeeper; Dolores Sullivan, Mary, the Doctor's sister; Leonard Johnson, the voice; and Paul Petalas, the announcer.

PLAYS ASSUMPTION AT WORCESTER

Six Veterans Slated To Start The Game

Tomorrow at Worcester, Fitchburg's Varsity ball team opens its schedule against Assumption College. The boys sparked by a much improved infield and pitching are all set to start the season off with a victory against our rivals from Worcester.

After losing two basketball games to Assumption the team will be out to avenge themselves and pile up a record of wins for 1939.

Assumption has the jump on us by virtue of one game played last Saturday against Springfield College, but this by no means makes the boys skeptical, as they feel they have a winning combination.

A fast, smooth infield steadied by veterans Capt. Moore and Bercume, should supply capable support to the pitchers, paced by veteran and starting pitcher Jim Sullivan and the Freshman pitching ace, Alex Cyganawicz. In the outfield we have two

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RUSSELL GEARIN ELECTED PRES. OF COMMUTORS

At the meeting of the Men's Commuting Association held in the rest room Tuesday, April 4, Russell Gearin was elected president of the Association for the ensuing year. The representatives of the classes were also chosen. They are Donald Johnson for the Senior, Daniel Sullivan for the Juniors, and Robert Patch for the Sophomores. The representative for the incoming Freshmen class will be elected in the early fall.



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WAR JITTERS:

by Paul Haire

Whether we realize it or not, we whose educational opportunities have been better than average are looked up to in our community circles. However, unfounded the commonplace "He's awful smart—he goes to college" may be, it remains as an obligation on our part to think, talk, and act as intelligent adults.

The current wave of "war jitters" gives us an opportunity to fulfill this obligation. Whether we, as individuals expect war or not, whether we favor isolationist neutrality or preventive show of force, whether we are for or against armament, we agree on one point—we all want peace. We understand the possible threats to peace—agitation by minority groups or groups that might profit by war, overemphasis on nationalism, actions by Americans that might provoke possible enemies. We realize that the strongest preventative of war is the preservation of the American horror of war and love of peace.

One of the greatest threats to this preventative is too much dwelling on the thought of war, too much talk about "inevitability." People—the general public—will believe relatively unfounded statements if they hear them repeated without challenge often enough. When future peace efforts—efforts that decide between the return to sanity or the plunge into another international hell—

THE ASH TRAY

Ray

This week when we found the Ash Tray, someone had already emptied it. It was necessary therefore to look through the barrel into which it had been dumped in order to find this material. Perhaps it would have been better to leave some of it in the barrel.

This brings me to a bit of FILLOSOPHY*. Both books and papers have definite disadvantages which are as follows:

1. It takes a long time and a good deal of knowledge to write a book, but if it is published it is practically guaranteed a long life of use and abuse.

2. Papers are made up of various columns which are relatively short, yet represent a good deal of time and effort and a passing knowledge of the material considered. However a paper is relatively short lived and (to get back to my original stand) some sooner and some later land in a rubbish barrel.

All of which simply goes to prove that it is usually best not to write oral compositions.

I do hope that you don't misunderstand me. That word misunderstand reminds me of a story which goes something like this:

She: Oh dear! You shouldn't have come to see me tonite my father is out on a tear with a shotgun.

He: What do I care about the company your father keeps.

Well he doesn't have to worry any more because the barrel is empty and as the great Sherlock and Watson said after finishing a tall can of beans from the can, "We have finally got to the bottom of this thing."

*Fillosophy: Stuf to fill in for stuff that would be stuffy.

when these efforts will be in need of support, our worst enemy will be unwillingness of our people to sacrifice in an effort to prevent what is believed inevitable.

We must cherish our hope for peace, and we must act positively in its favor. Our actions and speech must be sane. We must suspend judgment. And above all, in all our contacts with people who may be influenced by what we say, we must cultivate optimism and seek to conserve love for peace.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS INSTALLED AT ASSEMBLY

Ellen Dormin, retiring president of the Student Cooperative Association, opened the installation meeting in the large assembly with the affirmation that everything done by the Council in the past was undertaken in good faith and in the best interest of the Association.

After her few introductory statements, Miss Dormin presented the gavel to Howard Hill, incoming president. Mr. Hill introduced the newly elected members and next proceeded to outline the problem facing the new council. They are as follows: the completion of the Handbook and by-laws; the decision on the voting power of the Senior Representatives; the Social Calendar; the budget; the assembly programs; the improvement of attendance at Monday night dances; the planning of major social affairs; the financing of the Saxifrage; the rejection or acceptance of a point system; and the question of publicity.

"To accomplish all this", said Mr. Hill, "is a tremendous task, and therefore, the backing of the entire Association is necessary".

Following his address, Mr. Hill introduced delegates from the New York Conference, Barbara Baldwin and Eva Trafton. Miss Baldwin reported on the panel discussion "Contemporary World Affairs in Relation to Education" and showed what a vital part the teacher plays in getting to children pertinent happenings within the world today. Miss Trafton, who represented our college in the panel discussion "Preparing Teachers for Citizenship", gave a good workable definition of citizenship and emphasized the fact that our curriculum has each one of the courses suggested as helpful in this field.

At the completion of Miss

SENIOR DORM GIRLS HOLD BANQUET

The banquet of the senior dorm girls held in Palmer Hall was whole heartedly declared a "never to be forgotten" time. The place cards—unique, to say the least—included: a leg of a chair (representing a part of THE STICK); a live gold-fish (not to be swallowed); a snap-shot of Alice Algeo and a Lincoln penny (the Lincolniters); a smooth looking car (but it doesn't run); a dejected, rejected man (I promised not to tell who); the outstanding senior girl athlete (an exact imitation of Mary Disken); a picture of Jesse James (not too good a likeness); a reproduction of an itemized bill, some corn, and a savage (you guess the connection); a Kennebunk sign with the "vodka" on it; and a rare bit of verse on a paper ball.

A delicious steak dinner, "the waitress superb", Ethel Mandrus; and beautiful corsages all helped to make a real gala affair.

After the meal, the girls enjoyed an interesting movie and a memorable taxi ride. The climax came in the singing of the Senior class songs on the front porch of Miller Hall.

Those who attended were Alice Algeo, Louise Baldwin, Mary Chase, Margaret Burke, Charlotte Hanson, Bernadine Johnson, Mary Disken, Ann McIntire, Marie Neudorf, and Madalyn Wolfson.

Trafton's report, a rising vote of thanks was given to both the old and the new councils. Dr. Herlihy expressed his appreciation to the past Council members for their intelligence and patience, and commended the student body for its support in making the Student Cooperative Association a working organization, something which is really ours.

DEBATING CLUB PLAN INTERESTING MEETS

The Debating Society reached a new peak of activity when it met and defeated Keene Normal, while dropping a close decision to Cushing Academy, New England School Champions. The question: "Resolved that an alliance should be established between the United States and Great Britain" was successfully opposed in the Keene debate by Joseph Lalli, Stuart Clemmer and Beverly O'Donnell, who obtained an 188-80 percentage decision over their New Hampshire guests, Arthur Tenney and Bernice Saunders.

Earlier the affirmative team representing Fitchburg composed of Raymond Edwards, Joseph Lalli and Thomas Moran were shaded by Cushing's great negative team which featured William Arbot and Virginia Nicholson. Attorney Frank Smith, Mrs. Hanlon, vocational school advisor, and the audience rendered the decision.

The next two months will find the Debating Society encountering worthy opposition from Bay Path Institute, Salem Teachers College, Boston College, American International and Worcester Tech. This ambitious schedule has been arranged by Miss Gertrude Cunningham, faculty advisor, Donald Johnson, President of the Debating Society, and Helen Gibson, Secretary. The faculty and the student body of the college are cordially invited to attend the remaining home debates, especially the Salem debate which will feature an outstanding educational question. The Boston College debate, sponsored by the Gaveleers, and the A. I. C. and the Bay Path contests which bring to Fitchburg two able and experienced squads which are returning the visits that the Debating Society made earlier in the season.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPALS AND SUPERVISORS MEET

The Eleventh Annual State Conference of Elementary School Principals and Supervisors held at Massachusetts State College in Amherst on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 4, 5, and 6, was attended by three members of our faculty.

Miss Marie Gearan and Miss Louise Wingate, principals of Dillon and Edgerly Schools respectively attended the entire conference. Dr. Charles M. Herlihy was one of the speakers on Thursday forenoon, and spoke on the topic "Summer School Opportunities and University Extension Courses."

To open the conference a luncheon was held on Thursday noon followed by a general session at which Florence I. Gay, Supervisor of Elementary Education, and Patrick J. Sullivan, Director of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education and Teachers Colleges in the state were among the speakers.

On Wednesday forenoon specialized groups segregated themselves into various study groups for discussion of their own particular problems. The groups were divided in elementary school principals, elementary school supervisors, special class group, and superintendents of rural schools.

A novel feature of the conference were the campus strolls, and auto-caravan trips arranged to better acquaint the educators with the possibilities offered in nature study in the enrichment of the school program.

In an address on Wednesday

Mustache Trimming A Specialty
at

Joe's Little Campus
Highland Ave. BARBER SHOP

ELECTIVE DRAMA CLASS WITNESSED HAMLET

Tuesday last, Miss McCarty's elective drama class had the great fortune of witnessing what has been proclaimed one of the greatest performances of "Hamlet", by Maurice Evans and Troupe at the Shubert Theatre in Boston. The performance lasted four hours with the group waiting unexhaustively for each new scene.

The final curtain dropped upon the splendid stage management directing, and acting which made for a vivid picture of "Hamlet" long to be remembered.

WOMEN'S SUBSIDIARY BOARDS ELECT

The members of the Women's Subsidiary Boards were elected Thursday, April 13. Those elected to the dormitory board are: House President, Louise Baldwin; Senior representative, Vera Kenney; Junior representative, Laurence Grill, and Sophomore representative, Virginia Sullivan. The commuting board members are: Chairman, Mary Gagnon; Senior representative, Helen Hartnett; Junior representative, Eleanor Ryan, and Sophomore representative, Joan Rice.

evening, Walter F. Downey, commissioner of Education, upheld that the four state teachers colleges which the Massachusetts Taxpayers Association wanted closed should remain open. In the closing address of the conference Dr. Bessie Lee Gambrill, Professor of Elementary Education at Yale University, stated that the schools of today should offer more real situations instead of the large field of academic knowledge now present.

Miss Marie M. Gearan served on the hospitality and reception committee.

JUNIOR GIRLS REIGN AS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS

The Junior girls became the volleyball champions of F. T. C. when they beat the Freshmen in the final game with a score of 34 to 31. On the preceding Tuesday, the Junior girls beat the Seniors, and the Freshmen beat the Sophomores.

In the first half of the championship game the Junior girls played much better volleyball than the Freshmen and piled up a high score, but in the second half the Freshmen came through to almost tie the Juniors.

GIRLS ENJOY SWIM AT GARDNER POOL

Members of the W.A.A. with Gerry Lyons, head of swimming, recently spent the afternoon swimming at the Gardner Pool. Miss Lyons conducted swimming meets in which the girls actively participated showing much talent in the aquatic line.

SUPERINTENDENTS TALK ON RURAL EDUCATION

During assembly, April 11, three superintendents, Mr. Davis, superintendent of five towns including Littleton, Mr. Hall of Acton, and Mr. Prior of Baldwinsville were the speakers on various phases of rural education including disciplinary problems, the problems of a teacher in an ungraded school, and the problem of social adjustment of a teacher in a rural community. They gave pertinent information to the student body, seventy-five percent of which will be concerned with this subject.

When Better Foods Are Wanted
Visit

THE COLLEGE SPA

April 17, 1939

To the Editor of THE STICK—

Dear Sir:

In reference to the article entitled "Baseball Squad Out for Practice" which appeared in last week's STICK, I should like to ask for a little fair play for the Freshmen. We have in the past received many justifiable criticisms and welcomed them, but this article seems a far cry from the subject of baseball.

"What have you Freshmen done for the school besides illuminate it with your brilliant presence?" To delve into the records, we have done as much on the sports issue as any other class in college. In both soccer and basketball, Coach Healy said that there were many Freshmen candidates who reported. It is a matter of record that they attended practice faithfully and gave all that they had to make F. T. C. teams better. In regard to baseball, both the Coach and veteran members of the team say that the Freshmen have been earnest and faithful and no fault can be found with their performance. On the list posted by the Coach last Friday on the bulletin board, 11 out of 23 men were Freshmen. What more can we do?

We have this year volunteered to sponsor either the All-School Social or the Winter Carnival in an attempt to ease the burden on the Council. Council members have stated that the Freshmen representatives have willingly cooperated on all projects and have worked shoulder to shoulder with the other Council members.

We've tried to do our best but can't find out "What's the reason we're not pleasing you?" How about a little fair play in the interests of good sportsmanship!

—Ralph Gray.



Wintre Tritana

"Twas breezy and the chilly air
Did gyre right through my wabe
All mimsy felt my borogoves
I'll bet yours felt the sabe.

Oh bitter cold—Oh cruel draft
That chills my marrow sore,
The register that warms my aft
Makes me colder than before

I've discarded all my handkerchiefs
To use a pillow cover (P. L.*)
I find it works much better when
My nose, it runneth over.

* Poetic license, or, Polite laughter.

For those looking for antidotes
for colds remember that Dot Sears but Bill Burns.

I guess that I'll have to lay off
punning until I'm as famous as
Untermeyer because the other
day I saw Henry Lam—Bert.

As We Hear Them—

"Interestingly enough...." ...
Mr. Harrington.

"If we may be permitted to use
the expression." Mr. Donoghue.

"I'm open for questions at any
time."Mr Weston.

"What have you?"Mr.
Mac Lain.

"For this particular job...."
Mr. Purinton.

"Thus and so."Mr. Hammon.

"You what it ? ? ?"Mr.
Carpenter.



Ben "Sherlock" Freeman

Millinery Potpourri

By Helen Gibson

Ho! for the Easter bonnet
With everything upon it,
Bright and gay!
Ribbons, birds, and flowers
In rows, and tucks, and towers
For Easter Day!

Sneezing

by A Fellow Sufferer

What a moment, What a doubt,
All my nose is inside out.
All my tickling, thrilling caustic,
Pyramid rhinocerostic,
Wants to sneeze and cannot do it!
How it burns me, thrills me,
stings me,
How with rapturous torment
wrings me
Now says, "Sneeze you fool—Get
through it."
Shee-shee—Oh, tis most delish!
Ishi-ishi, most delish!
Hang it, I shall sneeze till spring,
A cold is such a vicious thing.

ART CLASSES TO VISIT BOSTON TOMORROW

The Freshman Senior Art Classes will visit museums at Cambridge and Boston on Saturday, April 22, with Miss Lamprey. At the Harvard university Museum in Cambridge, they will see the famous glass flowers and a group of reconstructed prehistoric animals. Of particular interest to the students are Joan of Arc and the full sized reproductions of exteriors of Germanic Museum and an exhibition of contemporary Japanese prints at the Fogg Museum.

In the Boston Public Library the frieze, "The Quest of the Holy Grail," referred to by Mr. Untermeyer, and the murals by Sargent are the chief attractions. The exhibition of water colors by American painters at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and the Collection of Modern and Renaissance paintings at the Gardner Art Museum will be given special attention. As the climax of this interesting educational trip the classes will be guests at a concert to be given at the Gardner Art Museum.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE STICK STAFF HELD

Nominations for THE STICK staff for next year, which were held at THE STICK meeting yesterday, are as follows:

Managing Editor, Emily Yauger; Associate, Rowe Nevin. Feature, Roger Pauze, Helen Hill, Helen Gibson, Ray Boyce.

Business Manager, Ted Lauber.

News Editors: Sirkka Waris, John Gemma, Roger Pauze.

Secretary, Charlene Wariger.

Professional Editors: Tom Passios, Dick Finn, Roger Pauze.

Supplement Editor, Ben Mason.

Sports Editors: Men, Tony Tasca; Women, Ursula Mulcahy.

GLEE CLUB ELECTS BARBARA BALDWIN

The Glee Club election, held Tuesday noon, resulted in the following officers being elected for the ensuing year: President, Barbara Baldwin; Vice President, Ruth Lafrennie; Secretary, Claire Andrews; Treasurer-Business Manager, Ray Lowe; Stage Manager, Tommy Goulart.

COMMUTING MEN TO HOLD BANQUET SOON

The first social event of the Men's Commuting Association will be an installation banquet to be held before vacation at the new lunch room.

George T. Joseph is chairman of the general committee, Daniel Sullivan is arranging a program of entertainment, and Thomas Passios has charge of the refreshments. The speakers will be Paul Haire, the retiring president, and Russell Gearin, the new president.

WHITE TEAMS DEFEAT ORANGE IN VOLLEYBALL

The first Orange and White volleyball games were played on Tuesday, April 18. The scores for the games were as follows: First Orange Team 26; First White Team 40; Second Orange Team 29; Second White Team 30.

Assumption Tomorrow

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veterans in Stan English and Chet Smith, while Guilfoyle, a Senior, will hold down right field.

All the leading hitters of last year's team; English, Moore, and Bercume are back and being ably supported by several Freshmen sluggers.

Bercume, 2	Konsavage, 1
Moore, Capt. c	Smith, lf
English, cf	Guilfoyle, rf
Powers, ss	Sullivan, p
Walsh, 3	Cyganawicz, p

SCHEDULE

WEEK OF APRIL 24

Monday

- 12:35 P.M.—Intra-mural board meeting.
- 3:30 P.M.—Intra-mural volleyball.
- 3:30 P.M.—Baseball practice.

Tuesday

- 11:00 A.M.—Assembly.
- 12:20 P.M.—Co-ed recreation.
- 3:00 P.M.—Baseball practice.
- 3:00 P.M.—Girls' volleyball.
- 7:30 P.M.—Gaveleer Minstrel

Wednesday

- 12:20 P.M.—Co-ed recreation.
- Baseballl (away) F. T. C. vs. Hyannis.
- 3:30 P.M.—Intra-mural volleyball.

Thursday

- 4:00 P.M.—Girls' volleyball.
- 4:00 P.M.—Baseball practice.
- Senior night.

Friday

- 12:20 P.M.—Co-ed recreation.
- 3:30 P.M.—Baseball practice.
- Vacation begins.

Debate Monday

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ald Johnson '40, and Thomas J. Moran '42, to debate against the highly-touted Boston College team. The debate, sponsored by the Gaveleer Society, will be presided over by George T. Joseph '41. The question under discussion is a timely one, "Resolve that the United States Government should cease to use public funds, including credit, to stimulate business". Fitchburg will uphold the Affirmative side of the argument, while Boston College will defend the negative proposition. A decision will be rendered by three neutral judges. The entire student body, faculty, alumni, and friends of the college are cordially invited to attend this most interesting and informative discussion.